**Chapter 27 Reading Questions American Pageant**

Use lots of **proper nouns** to respond to the questions from the chapter.

1. Four primary factors in the late 1890s and early 1900s prompted Americans to see themselves as destined to expand their culture and norms to others, especially to the non-white nations of the globe.
   1. The perception that the western frontier was “closed” to further expansion.
   2. Economic motives to search for new markets and sources of raw materials.
   3. Competition with other imperialist ventures of the time.
   4. Racist theories.

Give several examples of these motives and explain them.

1. Explain the cause(s) of the Spanish-American war.
2. What were the immediate consequences of the Spanish-American war, in terms of territorial expansion, for the United States? Be specific.
3. Why did the U.S. become engaged in a protracted insurrection in the Philippines in 1899-1902?
4. To what extent, if any, do you find the U.S. involvement in the Philippines to be ironic?
5. Why and how did the U.S. become involved in Asia (besides the Philippines) in the late 19th and early 20th century?
6. America in the World: Compare and contrast the views and arguments of the imperialists and anti-imperialists.

**Terms to Know from Chapter 27**

Social Darwinism

“Big Sister Policy”

McKinley Tariff

*USS Maine*

De Lome Letter

Yellow journalism

Jingoism

Teller Amendment

Platt Amendment

Protectorate

Hawaii

Annexation

Cuba

Philippines

Puerto Rico

Guam

Anti-Imperialist League

Self-determination

White Man’s Burden

Open Door Policy

Boxer Rebellion

Panama Canal

Hay, Bunau-Varilla Treaty

Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine

“Gunboat diplomacy”

Root-Takahira Agreement

Josiah Strong

Albert Beveridge

Emilio Aguinaldo

Alfred Thayer Mahan, *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*